

What others have to say about the **Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse**

October 1, 2001

Millin's Health Fraud Monitor

"Attorney General Bill Lockyer's Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse has received special recognition from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General, for being the nation's premier state prosecutorial agency in the battle against health care fraud and elder abuse."

May 5, 2001

The Sacramento Bee

"[Other law enforcement agencies] talk the talk, but they never walk the walk. By God, [the Attorney General and his BMFEA] has. . . Lockyer's office has aggressively pursued allegations of nursing home abuses and broken new ground in enforcement actions."

The John Cooke Fraud Report

July/August 2000

"The Attorney General's Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse is enjoying some enviable success. Fraud convictions have increased by 238% in the last year and pending investigations have increased by 88 percent. DOG GONE excellent work, guys!"

The San Francisco Chronicle

August 4, 2000

"Hooray and hallelujah, the state of California has decided to start paying unannounced visits to nursing homes around the state ... Go get 'em, ye men and women of [the BMFEA]. Smite them with your swords!"

**United States Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Inspector General**

Sept. 10, 2001

"The Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse demonstrated exceptional ability to detect, investigate and prosecute Medicaid provider fraud and patient abuse . . . [their efforts] represent the highest yearly conviction rate of any state Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the nation."

September 9, 2001

The Sacramento Bee

"The Attorney General [and his BMFEA] lead a push to prosecute neglect and mistreatment in California nursing homes."

Association of Certified Fraud Specialists

December 17, 2002

"Because of your guidance, and the results you have obtained, both the California Attorney General's Office and the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud and Elder Abuse are consistently used as examples by other states and they are regularly cited by the federal government as a role model for others to follow. You have consistently led your staff to prove that fighting violent crime and fighting white-collar crime need not be mutually exclusive efforts. In the end, it is the citizens of California who benefit from such vision, a benefit that directly translates into a better quality of life."

LA Times

September 9, 2003

"Mastermind of scam that may have cost the state \$20 million gets a 16-year term [from the BMFEA], the largest ever for cheating the Medi-Cal program."

AARP *May 22, 2003*

"I would like to recognize the outstanding leadership of Attorney General Bill Lockyer [and BMFEA] on the issue of elder abuse. His initiatives to increase awareness of this type of crime and his focus on vigorous enforcement, through programs like "Operation Guardians," have helped make California a leader in combating abuse and neglect. This has set a standard for other states to follow."